



Weekly Weather
Crop Report



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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 23, 2002. Many areas of the state need a good rain to help improve the dry soil conditions. Soil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 41 percent short, 46 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	71	55	74	70	1	5	20	55	19
	Dough	19	8	27	27					
Cotton	Squaring	55	32	75	70	0	4	22	57	17
	Setting Bolls	5	--	12	12					
Sorghum	Emerged	100	99	100	99	0	2	14	66	18
	Heading	9	--	27	15					
Soybeans	Planted	100	97	100	96	0	6	20	53	21
	Emerged	97	93	100	92					
	Blooming	26	19	46	34					
Wheat	Mature	100	99	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	94	80	85	88					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	100	99	100	99	5	10	31	35	19
		36	28	41	39					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	80	60	57	69	0	2	45	44	9
Watermelons	Harvested	11	--	7	5	7	9	17	58	9
Rice						0	2	16	56	26
Cattle						1	6	22	63	8
Pasture						1	12	31	49	7
Blueberries						0	16	11	67	6

County Agent Comments

“Crops are off to a good start! We are needing a general rain. Future weather will determine the outcome of the 2002 crops.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“A break in the rain patterns has hastened fieldwork. Corn stalk size is variable in the fields due to replanting. Hay harvest is progressing with many producers getting their first cutting at this time due to the rain.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

“Crops in non-irrigated fields are hurting for moisture. Sidedressing of nitrogen into cotton is almost finished. Mid-season nitrogen application for rice is past mid-point.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Our cotton and corn have started growing again. Sweetpotato planting will be finished in another week to 10 days. Moisture is somewhat limited over much of the county and rains would move crops along.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw County

“Some of our farmers have gotten a little relief with close to 1 inch of rain. At least one half of the county is still very, very dry. Row crops and gardens look better than expected with the lack of moisture we are facing.”

— Mike Keene, Perry County

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Weather Summary from June 17, 2002 to June 23, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	61	78	80	-2	0.00	-1.15	0	2.55	85	68	76	0.28
Cleveland	91	68	80	80	0	0.00	-1.11	0	2.19				
Tunica	91	65	78	79	-1	0.13	-1.08	1	3.37	95	74	83	0.23
Extreme/Average	91	61	79	80	-1	0.04	-0.87	0	2.70	95	68	80	0.26
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				76		0.00	-1.12	0	3.51				0.28
Memphis	93	64	81	80	+1	0.00	-0.98	0	2.99				
Oxford	92	57	76	77	-1	0.00	-1.05	0	2.25				
Extreme/Average	93	57	78	78	0	0.00	-0.84	0	2.92				0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	58	75	77	-2	0.00	-0.98	0	3.90				
Corinth	89	57	75	79	-4	0.00	-0.91	0	3.35				
Iuka	90	50	71	74	-3	0.00	-0.84	0	1.79				
Pontotoc	89	59	75	78	-3	0.00	-1.15	0	2.56	83	72	78	0.23
Tupelo	92	57	77	78	-1	0.00	-1.08	0	1.82				
Verona	94	61	79	78	+1	0.00	-1.05	0	2.56	94	71	85	0.32
Extreme/Average	94	50	76	78	-2	0.00	-0.84	0	2.66	94	71	81	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	60	83	80	+3	0.00	-0.87	0	1.14	99	85	77	
Rolling Fork	94	61	78	80	-2	0.25	-0.73	2	0.80	100	79	89	0.21
Stoneville	92	57	77	81	-4	0.10	-0.81	2	0.95	96	71	84	0.26
Yazoo City	93	60	77	80	-3	0.09	-0.82	2	2.75				
Extreme/Average	97	57	78	80	-2	0.11	-0.80	2	1.41	100	71	83	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage				78		0.06	-0.71	1	2.33				
Greenwood	93	56	78	80	-2	0.03	-1.00	2	1.87				
Jackson	93	61	78	79	-1	0.96	+0.07	3	4.20				
Winona	89	54	72	75	-3	0.07	-0.91	1	1.92				
Extreme/Average	93	54	76	79	-3	0.28	-0.53	2	2.58				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.12	-0.83	1	2.63				
Columbus	94	56	76	79	-3	0.07	-1.05	2	1.34				
State University	92	57	75	78	-3	0.20	-0.71	1	0.64	95	76	84	0.24
Extreme/Average	94	56	75	78	-3	0.13	-0.76	1	1.54	95	76	84	0.24
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	63	77	80	-3	0.77	-0.53	2	3.22	88	74	77	
Natchez	90	59	76	80	-4	0.00	-1.06	0	2.58				
Oakley	95	61	77	79	-2	1.30	+0.21	2	4.35				
Vicksburg	91	65	77			1.77		2	3.28				
Extreme/Average	95	59	77	79	-2	0.96	-0.00	2	3.36	88	74	77	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	64	77	80	-3	1.25	+0.11	3	5.52				
McComb	91	64	77	80	-3	1.06	-0.06	2	7.60				
Extreme/Average	92	64	77	80	-3	1.16	+0.20	3	5.52				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	65	76			0.62		3	6.50				
Hattiesburg	92	64	78	80	-2	1.11	+0.12	4	7.71				
Laurel	91	62	77	79	-2	0.32	-0.58	3	4.38				
Meridian	93	59	76	79	-3	0.49	-0.44	3	1.47				
Newton	94	56	75	78	-3	0.60	-0.31	2	2.70	93	72	80	0.23
Extreme/Average	94	56	76	79	-3	0.63	-0.25	3	4.55	93	72	80	0.23
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	62	76	80	-4	0.86	-0.22	4	3.30				
Biloxi AFB	88	70	79			0.73		5	3.47				
Gulfport	88	68	78	81	-3	0.25	-0.91	3	5.24				
Pascagoula	89	66	77			0.74		5	5.88				
Poplarville	90	65	77	80	-3	1.14	+0.07	4	6.33	94	70	80	0.32
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	81	-4	0.74	-0.37	4	4.84	94	70	80	0.32
State	97	50	77	79	-2	0.43	-0.47	2	3.21	100	68	81	0.27

DFN = Departure from Normal.